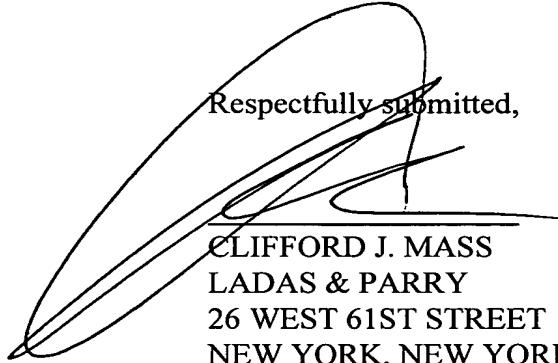


REMARKS

The above amendatory action has been taken to insert a Sequence Listing into the specification into compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 et seq. In response to the requirements in the Official Communication of March 25, 2002, Applicant submits herewith a paper copy and a computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing. Applicant also submits herewith a statement that the paper and computer readable form copies are the same and that this Amendment does not introduce new matter. Applicant further submits a substitute specification.

Applicant has satisfied the requirements in the aforementioned Official Communication and now respectfully requests an early examination of the application on its merits.

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